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**Re: MAYOR COPENHAVER AND THE CENTRAL SAVANNAH
RIVER LAND TRUST TO OPEN LOMBARD MILL POND TRAIL**

Working with the Central Savannah River Land Trust and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Mayor Copenhaver and the City of Augusta will be participating in a Ribbon Cutting at the Lombard Mill Pond Trail on Wednesday, October 19th at 10:30am. Lombard Mill Pond is a 55 acre nature preserve in South Richmond County which includes a nature trail and observation deck. The Pond is the first link in a network of greenways that will connect hundreds of acres of greenspaces throughout the County. Over the next several years, the Central Savannah River Land Trust hopes to add a longer loop trail, a bridge, and interpretive signage to the Pond's facilities.

"The Butler Creek Nature Corridor is undoubtedly one of Augusta's hidden gems," comments Mayor Copenhaver. "The establishment of the Lombard Mill Pond trail head is the first step in the development of the Butler Creek Trail system which will ultimately provide connectivity to the Phinizy Swamp Nature Park and beyond through the use of the city's levee trail. I would personally thank the Department of Natural Resources, the Land Trust and everyone else who worked collaboratively to establish this amazing public asset."

Long-term plans include establishing the Pond as the beginning of a 10-mile greenway that will skirt Butler Creek from Fort Gordon to Phinizy Swamp and Lock & Dam Park.

For more information, please contact Karyn Nixon at knixon@augustaga.gov .

Directions to the Pond:

Take I-520 to Exit 5A, US-1 South/Dean's Bridge Road towards Wrens. After passing Meadowbrook Drive, look for a turn lane on your right. Turn right on Old Highway 1. Cross the bridge. The Pond will be on your right, parking on your left.